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Those are interesting figures which come from the Kansas board of agriculture, which announces that the combined value of wheat, corn and oats raised in that state this year is \$46,768,788, an increase of 30 per cent over that of last year. Curiously, Kansas gave a republican majority in that same year, reversing its usual democratic majority of late.

The new tariff law, which began its work in the face of the extremely adverse conditions resulting from the enormous importations just prior to its enactment, shows Treasury receipts of \$19,028,614 in the first month, \$21,933,098 in the second month, \$24,291,415 in the third month, and over \$25,000,000 in the fourth month, thus redeeming the promises of its friends that it would, as business approached normal conditions, increase its earnings until it would supply ample revenue.

The workings of the new tariff law are proving extremely satisfactory. It is already earning much more than did the Wilson law in the corresponding period of its existence, and there is good reason to believe that the revenues under it will be ample, and that the reciprocity features of the bill are likely to result very advantageously to American citizens. In fact, there is not thus far developed an unsatisfactory feature in the new law except to those who want to find fault.

The first country to send a commission to Washington to plead for reciprocity and a general understanding by which trade relations under the new law should be made as compared with those under the old law was one of the hardest "kickers" against that law when it was under consideration. The Canadian government, in sending its chief official to Washington to open the way for negotiations in this line, showed that all of its complaints about our tariff and its proposed retaliation were only for effect, and are no longer thought of in a retaliatory way.

Free silver was made a distinct issue in a half dozen states in 1897. In every one of these states the percentage of loss in democratic votes was greater than in the year following the presidential election of 1892, when free trade was the issue. The loss of democratic votes in Massachusetts in 1897 was 24 per cent of the 1896 vote, while in 1893 there was a falling off of 11 per cent from the presidential vote of the preceding year. In Virginia there was a falling off in 1897 of 38 per cent in the democratic vote, against 31 per cent in 1893; in Iowa 12 per cent in 1897, against 11 per cent in 1893; in Ohio, 16 per cent in 1897, against 12 per cent in 1893; while in other states the results were equally disheartening to the advocates of silver.

With the January Magazine Number of The Outlook will begin the series of papers by Edward Everett Hale on "James Russell Lowell and His Friends." These papers will constitute the leading feature of The Outlook for 1898, and will be illustrated by many scores of pictures, including not a few portraits of famous American authors never before printed. Another feature of great interest in this issue will be an article by Charles Dudley Warner on "The Picturesque in American Life." This article will be illustrated from photographs specially taken for the purpose by Mr. Clifton Johnson. The story of the number will be by William Canton, whose "W.V., Her Book," was such a delightful study of child life, and is in similar vein. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

The recent congressional election in Chicago does not give great encouragement to the good standard forces. Congressman Cooke was elected last fall by a majority over all of 5778, and a plurality of 6579 votes. The death of Mr. Cooke necessitated an election this fall. Mr. Boutell, the republican candidate, was elected last Tuesday by a majority of 516, and a plurality of 848 votes over Mr. Perkins, the silver candidate, on a square free silver issue. A loss of over 5000 on majority in one of the strongest republican districts in the state does not prognosticate success for the g. o. p. at the next election—Gratiot Journal.

Why not be honest with your readers, Bro. Chase, and tell them that the total vote cast at the election above referred to was only about as large as that cast at the fall election for the silver candidate and that the relative strength of the two parties as shown by the two elections is almost identical. There is not a single feature of the fall elections for the silverites to build hope on for the future.

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We acknowledge the receipt, with the compliments of the Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, of a copy of the fourth edition of their pamphlet on the "Descent and distribution of property." It is a publication of real value.

Bryan's Great Contributions.
From the Ann Arbor Courier:
The democratic papers in Michigan have been telling how liberal Mr. Bryan was to the democratic cause in Kansas, and how he had donated his services without money and without price, and some \$15,000 besides. Here comes the Topeka Mail and Breeze, of Nov. 20, giving an account of how Mr. Bryan raked in the shekels—gold at that—from the people in Kansas who worshipped at his shrine.

Hear:
"For all we know Mr. Bryan may have paid his own hotel bills and street car fare at some of the towns where he has spoken, though we doubt it, but the individual who thinks William is making himself a living and free sacrifice for the silver cause is badly mistaken."

Then the paper enumerates places and amounts. A few of them, enough to give the journals aforesaid a chance to correct their wrong statements, are:

At Ottumwa, Mr. Bryan received half the gate receipts, something over \$1,000, and then he kicked because the managers gave a few complimentary tickets.

At Burlingame he received \$500 and expenses.

At Iowa he divided the gate receipts and raked in from \$750 to \$1,000 of the money furnished by the victims of the money power, who came to hear him.

At Wichita William pocketed \$2,400, furnished by the Kansas serfs who are supposed to be writing in the merciless clench of the octopus of greed."

For the above five hours labor of his jaw Mr. Bryan took from the poor, down trodden victims of the gold bugs, \$5,000.

Oh, yes, Bryan is a generous man—to himself.

A New Year's Gift Heralded

The measureless popularity of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has been the growth of more than a third of a century. As in the past, the coming new year will be ushered in by the appearance of a fresh Almanac, clearly setting forth the nature, uses and operation of this medicine of world wide fame. It is well worth perusal. Absolute accuracy in the astronomical calculations and calendar, will, as before, be valuable characteristics, while the reading matter will include statistics, humor and general information, accompanied by admirable executed illustrations. The Almanac is issued from the publishing department of The Hostetter Comp'y at Pittsburgh, Pa. and will be printed by their presses in English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish. All druggists and country dealers furnish it without cost.

Bond For Mail Carriers.

After January 1 every letter carrier in the government service will have to give bond for \$1,000, secured by a recognized surety or indemnity company, to protect the government against loss. Though a bond in this sum is now required of letter carriers, they are permitted to have as sureties any reputable citizen who can qualify for the amount of the bond.

A recent investigation by the department showed that a large proportion of the bonds of letter carriers were worthless. The difficulty of keeping the bonds good and collectable has been so great that it has been decided to accept none hereafter unless signed by recognized corporations which make a business of bonding trusted officials. Carriers already bonded by the latter concerns will have to give new security.

While all the carriers will hereafter have to pay for their bonds, the cost will not be great. It is said that the average annual cost of a \$1,000 bond will be only \$1.

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It is said that the Ann Arbor railway will ask congress to reimburse it for \$30,500 expended in building a 400 foot pier and deepening the harbor at Frankfort five feet, making the depth now 18 feet.

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The new State Telephone Co. will not extend its wires to New Hudson and that village will have to get along with the Bell service.

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Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and one dollar per bottle at Will E. Collins & Co., and J. S. Haggart's.

The Coming of Baby.

When a baby comes to the house real happiness comes. The care and anxiety count for nothing against the clinging touch of the little hands and the sound of the little voice. The highest functions given to human beings is bringing healthy, happy children into the world. Over 30 years ago the needs of women appealed to Dr. Pierce, now chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. The result of his study improved by thirty years of practice is embodied in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It strengthens, purifies and makes healthy the organs distinctly feminine. It gives weak women the strength and health necessary for the production of healthy children and it makes the bearing of those children easy. It is sure to cure any weakness or derangement peculiar to women, stops pain, soothes inflammation, strengthens, purifies, invigorates.

December Crop Report.

The average condition of wheat in the State, December 1, was 88 per cent of condition in average years. The figures for the southern counties are 84, central 91, and northern 101. The average condition in the State is three. In the southern counties five, and in the central counties two per cent lower than on December 1, 1896.

These figures represent as accurately as it is possible for figures to represent, the judgment of correspondents as to the condition of the growing wheat crop. From the statements of correspondents in the southern counties, it is clear that the fields in that section are unusually spotted, the plant has made small growth, and does not cover the ground as in average years. Wheat sown early on thoroughly well cultivated ground is in nearly full average condition. This is particularly true of level fields, or those moderately so. But a large percentage of Michigan wheat was sown late on ground that it was impossible to properly fit owing to its extremely dry condition. No small amount of seed lay in the ground a long time before germinating, and some of it has never germinated. The warm, wet weather that prevailed the early part of November was exceptionally favorable and of marked benefit, but it was then too late for wheat to make its usual fall growth.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers since the November report was published is 2,064,341, and in the four months, August, September, October and November, 7,692,316. This is 2,966,642 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year. Fall pasture has been fairly good. The percentages for live stock are, horses and cattle 97, and sheep and swine 98.

In answer to the question "Are there any diseases prevalent among live stock," 67 correspondents in the State answer "yes," and 592 "no." Of the 67 correspondents answering "yes," 51 name hog cholera as the disease, and of the 51 reporting hog cholera 43 are in the southern counties.

WASHINGTON GARDNER, Secretary of State.

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